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Committee on the Rights of the Child

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.46/Rev.1

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee has considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/63/13) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.46/Rev.1 on the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

2. The Committee notes that the requests contained in the draft resolution would give rise to additional requirements for additional pre-sessional working group meetings and sessional meetings, interpretation services and documentation. Additional requirements would also arise for additional conference servicing, for general temporary assistance of two staff at the P-3 level and for one General Service level assistant for a total of 18 months each to clear a backlog of more than 80 reports. The Advisory Committee trusts that the requested resources will be utilized in an efficient and effective manner to ensure that the backlog is cleared without delay.

3. As indicated in the statement, these requests would entail additional requirements in the amount of $725,200 for 2009, of which an amount of $212,100 would be met through absorption under various sections. At the present time, therefore, the Secretary-General is seeking additional resources in the amount of $513,100 under section 2 of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. Further requirements in the amount of $3,612,800 for 2010 would be dealt with in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

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4. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.46/Rev.1, there would be a need for an additional appropriation in the amount of $513,100 for the biennium 2008-2009 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. The extent to which an additional appropriation for the biennium 2008-2009 would be required would be determined in the context of the consolidated statement of all statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates for the biennium 2008-2009 to be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of the main part of its sixty-third session, together with proposals on the utilization of the contingency fund for those additional requirements. The requirements in the amount of $3,612,800 for 2010 would be addressed in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.**

5. **The Committee recommends that the General Assembly take note of the proposed modifications to the outputs to be incorporated into the programme of work under subprogramme 2, Supporting human rights bodies and organs, of section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.**